Date

Gary D. Robinson 6624 Main Street Winnsboro, Louisiana 71295

Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2016-664

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its August 19, 2016 Board meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether you may conduct real estate appraisal services for any consultant companies that may be selected for the Franklin Parish-Turkey Creek Drainage Project (Project). The Franklin Parish Police Jury has a grant consultant and engineer for the Project. All the grant funds flow through Franklin Parish. Your brother, William H. Robinson, is a Police Juror for Franklin Parish.

You are seeking to work as an independent contractor for consultant companies such as O. R. Colan Associates, LLC, for real estate appraisals associated with the Project. You would be under the direct supervision of the consultant company in valuing real property easement right of ways to be acquired in association with the Project. This would be in conformance with the Disaster Recovery Unit's Program requirements for cleaning of the waterway of Turkey Creek to improve drainage under 21 PARA 3402. Your name or the services you would render would be included in the bid for the project.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit you from conducting real estate appraisal services in connection with the Franklin Parish-Turkey Creek Drainage Project for consultants who are contracted to perform services for the Project. La. R.S. 42:1113A(1)(a) of the Code prohibits a public servant, a public servant's immediate family, or a legal entity in which he has a controlling interest from bidding on or entering into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of such public servant. The agency of your brother is Franklin Parish Government. The Turkey Creek Drainage Project is under the supervision of his agency; therefore, you are prohibited from entering into a subcontract to perform real estate appraisals associated with the Project.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or laws other than Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (225) 219-5600 or (800) 842-6630.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Brett Robinson For the Board

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